(a) whether Government have received a communication requesting for extending the Local Call facility of MTNL (Mumbai) to MOHOWE and surrounding areas of Kalyan Municipal Corporation jurisdiction in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the present status of the request; and

(c) by when the decision is expected to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) Yes, Sir. The name of the place is Mohone.

(b) Sir, Mohone and its surrounding areas under Kalyan Municipal Corporation's jurisdiction are presently being served from Ulhasnagar telephone exchange due to technical constraints. A separate telephone exchange has been planned for catering to this area. The new exchange will have 3 minute interdialling facility with Mumbai at par with other exchanges in Kalyan Municipal Corporation's jurisdiction.

(c) It is expected to be commissioned by March, 1998.

Post Offices in Rural Areas of Gujarat

*9. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Post Offices functioning in rural areas of Gujarat;

(b) the number of villages in the State where post office facilities are not provided; and

(c) the number of representations received by Government for opening of Post Offices in villages of the State and the action taken by Government thereon so far?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) The number of post offices functioning in rural areas of Gujarat is 8142.

(b) There are 9922 villages where no post office has been provided. However, postal facilities are being made available to such villages from near by post offices.

(c) The number of representations received by Government for opening of Post Offices in villages of the State is 7. Only one proposal out of these was found justified on the basis of norms and the same is being processed.

Ban on Sale of Lotteries

*10. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a delegation of MPs has sought urgent measures for a country-wide ban on sale of lotteries; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is under consideration of the Government.

Foreign Contributions Received by NGOs

*11. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total remittances received in the country as foreign contributions by various NGOs in the country during last three years, year-wise;

(b) the names and the amount received from each of the countries;

(c) the names of the organisations and the amount received by each of the organisations and the country from where the contributions were received; and

(d) how many cases of misuse of foreign contributions were detected and

the names of the organisations misusing the funds and the action initiated against them?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA): (a) to (d) According to information available, the total amount of foreign contribution received by various associations under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 (FCRA) during the years 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 was as follows:

Year	Rs. in crores
1993-94	1865.70
1994-95	1892.43
1995-96	2168.84

Associations having a definite cultural, economic, educational, religious or social programme are required to obtain registration or prior permission under the FCRA before receiving foreign contribution. The associations so registered or permitted are required to submit annual accounts in the prescribed form giving details of receipt and utilisation of foreign contribution. On the basis of information received form such associations an annual report is prepared by the Government. This report contains the names of associations receiving foreign contribution as well as the names of major donor countries and donor organizations. The annual report for 1993-94 and 1994-95 has already been placed in the Parliament Library. The annual report for the year 1995-96 has been compiled and is being placed in the Parliament Library. The annual report for the year 1996-97 will be prepared in due course. The last date for furnishing the accounts for the said year by the associations is 31-7-1997.

There are complaints, at times, about misuse of foreign contributions. The FCRA empowers the Central Government to direct that an association, which fails to give necessary intimation within the prescribed time or in the prescribedmanner, or gives intimation which is false, shall not accept any foreign contribution without the prior permission of the Central Government. One of the reasons for non-intimation or funrnishing of false information by an association could be misuse of funds. During the years 1994, 1995 and 1996, 429 defaulting associations were placed under "prior permission" category. Section 10 of the FCRA also empowers the Central Government to prohibit receipt of foreign contribution, etc. by association in certain cases. Action was taken under this provision against 7 associations during the last three years.

Enquiry into the Fire at MTNL Offices in Chanderlok Building

*12. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the MTNL has ordered an enquiry into the fire at MTNL offices in Chanderlok Building on Janpath;

(b) whether the enquiry has since been completed and the report submitted; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Question does not arise in view of (b) above.

Implementation of Long Term Action Plan for KBK in Orissa

*13. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a meeting was held on the